

NOTICE.

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Local News.

The Middletown creamery will pay for milk according to test, beginning with this month.

The Shirt Factory has been running at night all this week, so great is the rush of business there.

Walter Aiken, of Warwick, has rented the Blackbird hotel and will move there the first of the year.

The juvenile boot agent is abroad in the land, and they go about it as if they meant business too.

Remember that J. F. McWhorter has a full line of carriage and agricultural implements on hand.

Thos. S. Lewis has been appointed street Commissioner in Wilmington, to succeed Francis McCloskey, resigned.

George Weyond Symonds who wrote up the Farnhurst master for the *Inquirer* lectured in the Opera House last night.

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It was long ago discovered that it is "more blessed to give than to receive," and the pleasure seems to increase as the years go by. There are more things than money required for gift making; thought and consideration are necessary, and the art of graceful giving may well be cultivated. A gift suited to one's needs or tastes, is often more appreciated than expensive gifts that suit neither one's tastes or surroundings. Whatever the gift may be it is not its expensiveness, but the thoughtfulness of the donor that makes it of value to the recipient. In the next column are a few hints from our local merchants which can be of use to the Christmas shopper.

The annual Christmas box, sent by the Junior Auxiliary of St. Anne's Parish, to a mission field in North Carolina, was shipped on Tuesday, and contains a great variety of things to make glad the hearts of the destitute children of the poor fishermen at Beaufort. The children of the Auxiliary have been busy for months, making things for the Christmas box, and on every Saturday afternoon the little sisters have devoted several hours to sewing, dressing dolls and making articles of wearing apparel, and not only cultivating a missionary spirit, but also receiving instruction and practice in the womanly art of needlework. Some specimens of the work done by little tots of eight and ten years, would do credit to their elders. The contents of the box are valued at about \$100. Some of the articles have the name of the child who made it pinned on, with also a Christian name for the other child who shall receive and wear it.

CURRENT EVENTS.

Boston elected a Democrat mayor, Josiah Quincy, on Tuesday, by 4,500 plurality, and thus falls back in the line of other Democratic cities.

Senator Don Cameron, of Pennsylvania, has formally announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election to the U. S. Senate.

The Republican national convention of '96 will meet at St. Louis June 16. Seven cities struggled for the honor but, the Missourians captured the prize.

The Colt divorce case has been amicably settled, and the suit against "Jimmie" Van Alen, for alienating Mrs. Colt's affection from her husband, has been withdrawn.

The portrait of Falcata which occupied a conspicuous place in the Women's Building at the World's Fair, has been presented to the Senate of the United States, by Henry S. Welcome, the noted American merchant in London. It will be hung in the new Congressional Library.

PERSONALITIES

LITTLE LINES ABOUT MEN AND WOMEN AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

Hon. John H. Hoffecker, of Smyrna, was in town on Tuesday.

Mrs. Clara Ash, of Delaware City, spent Wednesday in town.

Mrs. V. W. Massey spent several days this week in Philadelphia.

Mr. Charles Clash, of Baltimore visited Middletown friends this week.

Miss Helen Smith has returned home from a visit to Philadelphia friends.

Miss Mabelle Parvis is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hugh C. Browne, in Wilmington.

Miss Jennie Frame is spending the winter at her sister's. Mrs. Manlove Wilson.

Mrs. Manlove Wilson who has been quite ill during the past week, is somewhat better.

Master Taylor Barnett, accompanied by Miss Mabelle Taylor, spent Thursday in Philadelphia.

Dr. T. E. Martindale, of Milford, and Dr. L. E. Barrett, of Wilmington, were in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Wilson, of Bohemia, entertained Mrs. Annie Dulany, of Baltimore this week.

Rev. Alfred Smith, P. E., was in town on Monday and held the Quarterly Conference at the M. E. Church.

Mrs. Henry Brady and Miss Carrie Brady, of Chesapeake City, were guests of Mr. G. F. Brady on Wednesday.

Dr. G. C. Chamberlain, who has been quite ill during the past ten days, is now much better, and able to leave his room.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. Browne, of Wilmington, spent Sunday in town and were warmly received by their many friends here.

Miss Susie Parker and Daisy Nau-dain, students at the Lutherville Seminary, will be home next week for the holiday season.

Mrs. W. F. Kennedy, who has been spending a week with friends in Philadelphia and Lansdown, is expected home Saturday.

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